

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 31, 2003, the Examiner noted that claims 1-17 were pending, allowed claims 5-13, objected to claims 1-4 and 14-17 and rejected claims 1-4 and 14-17. Claims 1, 14, 16 and 17 have been amended, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-17 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

On page 2, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4 and 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten as discussed above.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. section 112. It is also submitted that the claims continue to be allowable. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

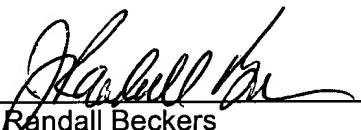
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